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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT NO. 	
TOPIC <u>Zerbst Airfield</u>		
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EVALUATION <u>see below</u>	PLACE OBTAINED 	
DATE OF CONTENT <u>22 October 1953 to 17 November 1953</u>		
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Zerbst airfield between 22 October and 14 November 1953:
 - 22 October. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., swept-back jet aircraft practiced flying in flight formations.
 - 23 October. Between 8 a.m. and noon, a MiG-15 towing a sleeve target was repeatedly observed aloft. Additional swept-back jet fighters practiced various forms of attack at the sleeve target, without firing rounds.
 - 26 October. Individual local flights were made by swept-back jet fighters throughout the day.
 - 27 October. Swept-back jet aircraft without auxiliary fuel tanks individually took off and made flights in elements of twos.
 - 28 October. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., flying in elements of twos was practiced.
 - 29 October. The aircraft practiced flying in squadron wedge formation.
 - 8 November. Some flights in elements of twos were made.
 - 12 November. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was air activity in flight formation at intervals.
 - 14 and 17 November. Local flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. On 17 November, 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted in front of the hangars. 1
2. A radar set consisting of a screen apparently mounted on a platform truck was observed in the extension of the runway in the eastern section of the field inside of the fence. Next to this set there was another set.

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- 25X1B 3. Trucks [redacted] were observed entering
25X1X and leaving the field. 3
4. Between 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 24 October, there was no air activity by swept-back jet fighters at the field. A single-engine aircraft and a biplane took off at 12:30 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. respectively and a biplane landed at 2 p.m. Five MiG-15s with their noses pointing to the revetments were parked in front of the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments in the southwestern corner of the field. A Soviet double sentry with a police dog was observed on the blocked Zerbst-Dobritz road. Two air force soldiers in a large jeep patrolled the road at noon, 1:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Jeep No [redacted] and truck [redacted] were observed on the approach road to the field.
- 25X1B 5. Between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 6 November, no air activity was observed at the field. There was a closed ceiling and a visibility range of about 500 meters. Many air force officers, including two field grade officers, were observed in the town. 1 Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included jeep [redacted] sedans [redacted] and trucks [redacted] 3 25X1B
- 25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Zerbst airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and a fighter regiment.
- 25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. The type of the radar set cannot be determined.
- 25X1A 3. [redacted]

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